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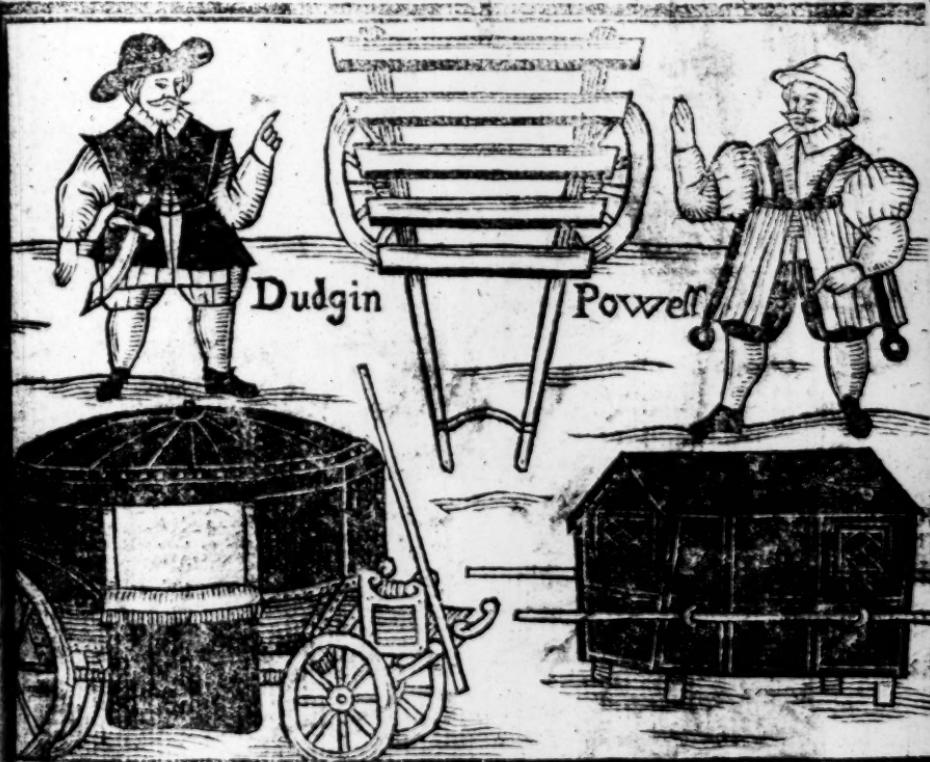
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COACH and SEDAN,

Pleasantly Disputing for Place and Precedence

The *Brewers-Cart* being Moderator.

Spiculum admissum, risum teneatis amici?



L O N D O N .

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To the Valorous, and worthy all
title of Honor,
S^r. ELIAS HICKS,

K N I G H T , and one of the honorable
band of His Majesties Gentlemen Pen-
oners in Ordinarie.

NOBLE SIR,

 Hat I prefixe so deserving and
eminent a name before such
light pufse: I doe no more then
Tavernes and Innes doe, with
wherere in England, and in o-
ther Countreys, to credit their
houses, hang up at the porch, the
PiBures, (for signes) of Kings, Queenes, Princes
and other eminent Persons, under whose subjection
they live, or unto whom they stand most affected. The
Great Turk sets his own stamppe upon Terra Lem-
nia, an Earth, or Clay, Virgil thought his Gnat
not unworthy the view of Octavius Cesar: and
with the same confidence I offer theſe few leaſes unto
your view, who are ſo belov'd at home, and honor'd
abroad, eſpecially for that your memorable ſervice

The Epistle Dedicatory.

sometime at Mount Auban in France, that Towne
even to this day acknowledging her safety, and pre-
servation to your valour onely, and whom for your
resolution and forwardnesse in our late Fleet, your
Noble Admirall, the Earle of Lindsey honored
with the dignitie of Knighthood: If your selfe, Sir,
or any else shall aske mee, If I had no better employ-
ment to set my selfe about then this, I could answere
them; They selfe Counsellors, and greatest Scholars
have ever season'd, and sweetened their profoundest
Studies, and greatest employments, with these and
the like passages of inoffensive Mirth. Erasmus
commended the Foole. Homer writing his Illiads,
wrote also the battell betweene Froggs and Mise.
Fannius extolled the Nettle; Sir Philip Sydney
made good Sport with Rhombus his Country
Schoole-master: and the like many others. Besides,
wee live in that Age, wherein Difficile est Saty-
ram non scribere. But the trueth is, I being as
this time in hand with a serious and laborious work
for the Preffe, ere long to see light; my Printer de-
sirred of mee, that hee might not sit idle in the meane
time. Sir I take my leave, desiring to bee remem-
bered and recorded among the number of those, who
for your owne worth and goodnessse, truely love and
honour you. February 19. 1636.

Yours ever,

Milmanus.

To the Reader.

AS it is usuall in Countrie, and homely houses, when gues come upon the suddaine, to tell them at the porch before hand, what they shall find within, So I heere at thy entrance (Ingenious Reader) tell thee there is not so good provision for thy entertainment, as I could wish; wherefore resolutely with the Cynick I say (who inviting great personages to a dinner of Radishes, Salt and Bread, and being by some blamed) answered, If they bee my friends they wilbee content with any thing, if onely to fill their bellies, this is too good for them. And to say truth, I am sorry I come forth no better provided, I am no ordinary Pamphleter, I would have thee to know; onely in Mirth I tried what I could doe upon a running subiect, at the request of a friend in the *Strand*: whose leggs not so sound as his judgement, enforce him to keepe his Chamber, where hee can neither sleepe or studie for the clattering of Coaches: I shew'd him the Booke; he smil'd, and onely wroto underneath out of *Martial*.

*Dum vernal Rosa, dum madere capilli
Tunc vel rigidi legant Catones.*

Vale quisquis es.



To my worthy friend the Author.

VV Ho is it (under thirty) that believeth
Big-bellied-dublets, made with cloak-bag-sleeves,
That would hold poocks a peece ? Wings, that belowe
The elbowe reach't ? And for the better shewe,
Every large Button that went downe the brest,
(Broade as an Halfe-crowne Piece) to grace the rest ?
When the short breech, not reaching past the knee,
(Crosse-garter'd at the hamme) a man might see
The Calfe apparant ; with the ankle-joyns,
Not frenched (as now) with Aglet points
To hide their gowtie shin-bones ; when the ruffe
Wide, as a Forre Coach-wheele, with starch enough,
Weare onely in the fashion ? And (Friend) than
Some Coachies were in use, but no Sedan :
Nor doe I think, but if the Custome were
T' bee hurryed in Wheele-barrowes, i' wold appere
(In processe) well : and they woulde take the wall
Of Carres, of Coachies, of Sedans and all.
And who can tell, whether 't bee now a breeding ?
And may perhaps prove so in Times succeeding.
Now when wee last discouer'd, close by the Mill,
Whiche over-lookes the Towne from Hamstede-hill,
Thou told' st me of this project ; I then said,
This thy dispute there talk't of, and since made,
I thought woulde apt this age, and further vnu'd,
'T shoulde bee no sooner fuisseb', and allow'd.
But that I woulde command (as all may see)
It, to the world first : Next my selfe to shew.

Anonymous.



A
PLEASANT DISPVTE
Betwene
COACH, and SEDAN.

IT was just, about the time, when the *Cuckow* (not daring to come neerer to the Citie then *Islington*) warned the Milk-maides, it was high time to bee gone with their pailles into *Finsburie* : and nodding to the *Cheshire* *Carriars*, told them if they made no more hast, they would not reach *Dunstable* that night ; when my selfe with an English-Tailor, and a French-man (who new-
ly were come out of *France*) where they had spent halfe a yeere to learne, and bring home the newest fashions there, to their Ladies heere in *England*) comming downe *Jack-an-apes lane*,
wee

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wee perceived two lustie fellowes to justle for the wall, and almost readie to fall together by the eares, the one (the lesser of the two) was in a suite of greene, after a strange manner, windowed before and behind with *Isen-glaſe*, having two handsome fellowes in greene coates attending him, the one ever went before, the other came behind; their coates were lac'd downe the back with a greene-lace suitable, so were their halfe sleeves, which perswaded me at first they were some cast suites of their Masters; their backs were harnessed with leather cingles, cut out of a hide, as broad as *Dutch-collops of Bacon*, whereat I wondred not a little, being but newly come out of the **Countric**, and not having seone the like before.

The other was a thick burly square sett fellow, in a doublet of Black-leather, Brasse-button'd downe the brest, Backe, Sleeves, and winges, with monſtuous wide bootes, fringed at the top, with a net fringe, and a round breech (after the old fashions) gilded, and on his back-side an Atcheiement of sundry Coats in heir propper colors, quarterd with Crest, *Helme* and *Mantle*, besides here and there, on the sides a ſingle Escutchion or crest, with ſome Emblematicall word or other; I ſuppoſed, they were made of ſome Pendants, or Banners that had beene ſtollen, from over ſome Monu-ment, where they had long hung in a Church.

Hee

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Hee had onely one man before him, wrapt in a red cloake, with wide sleeves, turned up at the hands, and cudgell'd thick on the backe and shoulders with broad shining lace (not much unlike that which Mummers make of strawen hatts) and of each side of him, went a Lacquay, the one a French boy, the other Irish, all suitable alike: the *French-man* (as I learned afterward) when his Master was in the Countrey, taught his Lady, and her daughter *French*; Vshered them abroad to publike meetings, and assemblies, all saving the Churcn, whither shee never came: The other went on errands, help'd the maid to beate Bucks, fetch in water, carried up meate, and waited at the Table.

I seeing them so hot, and hearing such rough, and disgracefull words to passe betwixt them, and fearing they would presently have mischief'd one another, I earnestly desired the Tailor and French-man, to make haste along with me, to part them, and to see the peace keept, as it is the dutie of every honest subiect; The Tailor fearing his skinne, and not having (as the saying is) halfe the heart of a man, tooke him to his heeles, and runne away; the French-man, under a colour to fetch the Tailor backe againe, ranne as fast as hee, whom to this day I could never set eye on. Seeing my selfe left to my selfe, I stepped in to them, and in coole and friendly manner, thus I began.

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Gentlemen, albeit I am a stranger unto you both, yet the Law of Nations, yea and of Nature too, requireth that humane Societie should be maintained, the life of man preserved, and the peace of that Common-wealth, wherein wee live, by all possible meanes advanced; wherefore let me intreate you to forbear one another, if either of you bee pleased to intimate unto mee, the ground and occasion of your grevance, I will doe my best to compose your strife: quarrells, both in this age and Kingdom, are growne poore and ridiculous; and to challenge the field of any man, is either to choose his owne death, or an halter: It is true my may friends (quoth I) the times were, if one man had slaine another, hee might presently have taken Sanctuary (usuall also among the Iewes) or being taken, have put in baile, or fled unto some private friend, where he might have kept out of the way, and have beene sheltred, untill by meanes of a Courtier, hee had proeured his pardon, for a small matter; or else, as in Germanie and the Low-Countrys, have gotten some handsome young wench to have begged him for her husband (for if I bee not deceived, they love *Englisb-men* well) but those dayes are gone, and the necessitie of our times, require stricker courses to bee taken; otherwise our streets of *London*, like *Leige*, *Venice*, *Paris*, *Padoa*, *Millan*, *Rome*, and other places, would every

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every night, ring with out-cries of blood-shed and murder, especially, being pestered at this time, with such varietie of sundry Nations, which till of late was strange to *London*, but as good lucke was, they had no weapons (save one whip) betwixt them both.

They hearing mee talke sensibly, and but reason, they began to bee som-what pacified ; hee in the Leather, with brasse Studds and Buttons, demanding what I was ; I told him I was a peece of a Schollar, and had seene the World abroad in my travells, in many Countreys, and was now returned to make use (for the good of *The end of my selfe, and Countrey*) of whatsoever I formerly had knowne, or seene ; and here-upon I required his name.

My name Sir (quoth hee) is *Coach*, who am a Gentleman of an auncient house, as you may perceive by my so many quarter'd coates, of *Dukes, Marquises, Earles, Viscounts, Barons*, Knights, and Gentlemen, there is never a Lord or Lady in the land, but is of my acquaintance ; my imployment is so great, that I am never at quiet, day or night : I am ~~a~~ Benefactor to all Meetings, Play-houses, Mercers Shops, Taverns, and some other houses of recreation, for I bring them their best customers, as they all know well enough.

This other that offers mee the wrong, they call him *Mounsier Sedan*, some *Mr. Chaire* ; a

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Greene-goose hatch'd but the other day ; one that hath no leggs to stand upon, but is faine to bee carried betweene two , and whereas hee is able with all the helpe and furtherance hee can make and devise , to goe not aboue a mile in an houre; as grosse as I am , I can runne three or foure in halfe an houre; yea , after dinnner, when my belly is as full as it can hold , (and I may say to you) of daintie bitts too.

Sedan. Sir, the occasion of our difference was this ; Whether an emptie Coach, that had a Lords dead painted Coate and Crest, as Lion, Bull, Elephant, &c. upon it without, might take the wall of a *Sedan* that had a Knight alive within it : *Coach* swore hee would proove by the law of Armes, and all Heraldry , hee ought to doe it. I stood against him , and told him , it was against all Law whatsoeuer , and that our Master would avouch : hereupon, hee threatned to have us all put downe, and that I should not passe wherefover hee came , much lesse have any Precedence.

It is true, my name is *Sedan*, and I am (I confess) a meere stranger, till of late in *England*; therefore if the Law of Hospitalitie be obserued (as *England* hath beene accounted the most hospitable Kingdome of the World,) I ought to be the better entertained, and used, (as I am sure I shall) and find as good friends, as Coach hath any, it is not his bigge lookes, nor his nimble

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ble tongue, that so runnes upon wheeles, shall
scare mee; hee shall know that I am above him
both in esteeme, and dignitie, and hereafter
will know my place better; but in the meane
time, I will doe nothing without good advice.

Neither I hope, will any thinke the worse of
mee, for that I am a Forreieer; hath not your
Courtrey Coach of *England* beene extreemly
enriched by strangers: Who in your own opini-
ons, have attained to perfection in any excellent
Art, or Science; but they? Who makes all
your delicate, and most excellent Pommanders
and Perfume for our Ladies here, but *Italians*?
Who fits our Lords and Ladies so exactly with
varietie of fashions, even from the Perruke to
the Pumpe, and Pantofle, as the *French*? And
who so curiously skilfull (to the great benefit
of this Kingdome) in painting of Paving-tiles
for Chimneys, making conceited Babies for
Children, Hobby-horses, Rattles, Bristle-
brushes checkered blacke and white, for which
wee are much behoden to the *Westphalian*
Swine, and *Spanish* black Hoggs: with such va-
rietic of Drinking-pots, Beades, and Whistles;
to making of which, neighbour *Coach*, you
know not how to turne your hand: Nay, where-
as you, five or sixe houres together, are faine to
stand wayting at the Court gate, Play-house,
or you wot where; I am many times admitted
into a Ladies chamber, had to the fire, dried,

*The benefit
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rub'd, and made cleane both within and without; but the plaine troath is (Coach) I will no longer bee made a foole by you; I will have it tried, though it cost me a fall, whither I bee as fit to walke the streets as you, or no, and to take my place ever next to the wall, when all the World knoweth, the kennell is your naturall walke.

I would (quoth I, it is true) have strangers well intreated, but not so to doate on them as ordinarily wee doe, as if we were guilty to our selues of such grosse ignorance, and asinine stupiditie, wee should thinke nothing well done, except an Italian, French, or Dutch-man have a hand in it, (the best is) sounder judge-
ments are not infected with this opinion; these are but the Fancies of fooles, and women.

But I now beleeve *Sedan* you are made a free denizen, and may safely passe where you please with-out any contioule, or question about your freedome, and think your selfe as good as *Coach*, saving that hee hath more liberty then you, going abroad in the Countrey at his pleasure. For my part I am acquainted with neither of you, onely Signior *Coach*, some twenty, or fowre and twenty yeares since I knew you, by the same token your guide was drunke, and had not certaine Noble Ladyes by my advice, walked on foote over those little bridges betweene *Gor-*
manchester and *Huntington* on foote, they had
layne

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layne (where you, and your man lay) over the head and eares in a River very deepe of Mud : these mischances I confess befall you but sometimes, and that is, when your horses have beeene watered in a Noble-mans-battery , or a Merchants Cellar.

Beeing in this discourse comes whistling by with his Carre, a lustie tall fellow red-hayr'd, and cheeckes puffed and swolne as if hee had beeene a *Lincolne-shire-baggpiper*, or a *Dutch-Trumperter* under *Grobbendonck*, in a Canvas frocke, a red-cap, a payre of high-shooes, with his whip in his hand : I calling unto him , hee stayed, and asked me what I would, I craved his name, hee told me *Roger Dugdin*, and that his dwelling was at *Puddle-wharfe* ; in good time, (quoth I) you may stand us in good stead to end a controversie heere betweene two strangers, yet I doubt not but you know them well-enough; what are they (quoth he?) why *Coach and Sedan*, said I, cannot agree for place and precedence. You are a dweller in the Citie, and may soone end the difference ?

Car. The Divell agree them for me, I can never goe in quiet for them, by day nor by night; they talke of Rattle *Snakes* in *New-England*, I am sure these bee the Rattle *Snakes* of old *England*, that keepe the whole Citie from their naturall rest; it is long of them that poore Prentices are rayled vp (before their houre) to their worke, when

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when their Masters who have bin hard at it, at the Taverne overnight, would (but for their ratling) have lyen till nine or tenne; poore Maids who were raised out of their beds to washing or skowring of their Brasse and Pewter, cannot take a nap in their shops: Children that goe in a morning to schoole, or of errands in the streete, goe in danger of their lives. Noe man having his Chamber neare to the streete, can be private, or followe his studie, *coach*, for your noyse; and in streets about the Suburbs, and places unpaved, you so bee-dash Gentle-mens Cloakes or Gownes, without all shame and civilitie; that let a man but come from St. James to Charing-Crosse and meeete you in his way, one would sweare by his dirtie Cloake, he had come post from St. Michaels-Mount in Cornwall. I marvell whence we had you at first *coach*; if you and all your fellowes were on a light fire upon *Hounstone-heath*, the matter were not great?

coach. It were better a hundred such rascally *Carmen* as you were hang'd?

Carmen. Sirrah, you *Robin-redbreast*, wish your Lady to pay my Master for foure loade of Billets, which hath beene owing him ever since the great snow a twelue-month agoe.

coach. Well lack-sauce, we shall talke with you, when you come back from *Tyborne*.

Car. Nay I prithy *coach* goe along with me, and I will have done with thee there presently.

coach.

between Coach and Sedan.

Coach. Sirrah, goodman rogue, pay my Master for an old Coach-horse, you had to put in your Carre; and heere's your companion Sedan, almost in as good credit in the Citie, as your selfe.

Powel. Does ir talk against ir Master; pray Powel a you Master stay heere a little while, while ir *Welch-men*, runne to *Shrewsbury*, to fetch a *Welch-hooke*, ^{one of Se-} her great Grand-father gave her father, when ^{dans men.} her was a great souldier to *Sir Rice ap Thomas*, at *Milford haven*, when ir *Courtney-man*, King *Henry the seven* came into *Wales*, it is in *Shrewsbury*, and lies over her hostesses beds head, at the signe of the *Goate* and the *Greene Lecke*.

Sedan. Powell; you Welch-men are well temper'd, but you smell a little too much of the fire: Mr. *Coach of Hackney*, hath a cooling-card dealt him already; hee may walke now whither he will, to *Utopia*, *New England*, or the *Amazons*; for those Ladies, after they are weareie of riding, love to bee carried. Wee *Sedans* may now goe quietly by you, without nick-names, nor shall wee ever have halfe those curses of the people, you are wont to have; in every streete and lane, wee take up lesse roome as wee goe along; wee are of an easier charge, our journeys are short, we carrey no *Lackquies*, or *Foot-boyes*, when we are emptie, nor have we to doe with *Dol Turn-up*, and *Peg Burn-it*, your filken wenches of *Hackney*, to carry them to the *Red-*

The Amazons fought on horsebacke, with Bomes and Arrows, & their Sennars.

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Bull, and other Play-houses, to get trading, or
Citizens wives to St. Albans, South-mimme,
Barnet, Hatfeild, Waltham, Ilford, Croidon Brain-
ford, and other places, under a colour of seeing
their children at nurse to banquet with their
sweet-hearts and companions, the match being
agreed upon a moneth before; wee pleasure the
lame, sicke, weake, and impotent, women with
child, and such as are corpulent and un-
weldly, and are not able to endure the jol-
ting of a *coach*, wee defend, and keepe Gentle-
men, and Ladies from the fogge, and rotten
mistes, that morning and evening arise in
Townes and Cities, neere to great Rivers, and
many other stinking and grose exhalations,
which corrupt the lungs (as dewes and mistes
rot sheepe) breed long and dangerous Coughs,
and Catarrhes; the very breath wee breath,
being nothing else then rarified water: more-
over, wee are places fit for privacie, or me-
ditation, where a man may reade or studie,
even in the midſt of the throng, and open street,
which men in Law-suites, and busynesse of
weightie importance, oft times ſtand in great
need of: befide, we have our name from *Sedanum*,
or *Sedan*, that famous Citie and Vniverſitie, be-
longing to the Duke of *Bavillon*, and where hee
keeps his Court.

Powell. Nay, doe you heare mee Master, it is
from *Sedanny*, which in our *British* language, is
a brave

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a brave, faire, daintie well-favoured Ladie, or prettie sweetewench, and wee carrie such somtime Master, but *sou fone*.

Carman. Well, may a man now passe quietly by you both; hayt, stand up there.

Coach. Carman be gone, and keepe a good tongue in your head, and while you live, give way to your betters.

Carman. Never to the Devills Carter, while I live.

Coach. Wellwell sirrah, there is a place calld *Bridewell*.

Carman. Yes marrie, where some of your fine carriage hath beene lodg'd many a time and often.

Powell. This Rogue will never have done, shall I beate him Master.

Sedan. Powell by no meanes, for that's the next way to bee beaten our selves; they are sturdie companions, and there is a world of them about the Citie.

Being all this while in such like discourse as this, the morning began to be well up, and people in the streetes to cluster about us, like the ballet-singers auditorie, when by chance, came by a plaine Countrie Farmer, who newly it seemed, had passed the *Thames* (for a Waterman followed him with a bag full of writings or such like) and demanded of mee what the matter was, I told him in briefe that there were

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two (well knowne in the Citie , *Ceas* and ,
Sedan) fallen out about superioritie, and place ,
and in a contention , which of them should de-
serue best of the common-wealth .

water-man. Deserve (quoth the Water-
man) they deserve both to bee throwne into
the *Theanes* , and but for stopping the channell
I would they were ; for I am sure whete I was
woont to have eight , or tenne , fares in a mor-
ning , I now scarce get two in a whole day , our
wives and children at home are readie to pine ,
and some of us are faine for meanes to take
other professions upon us , as some in frostie
weather to gather Dog-wood for Butchers , to
get burch and broo ne for beesomes , and some-
times to catch birdes with lime , or set springes
in the marshes for water fowle , honest shiffts , it
is true , in necessarie . But wee are an auncient
companie , and though the last in the ranke of
companies , yet are wee the first and chiefe in
getting our livings honestly (and as God com-
mandeth) with the sweate of our browes , our
profession is free from deceit and lying , which
many trades are subje& unto , and being the
most of us strong of bodie , and skilfull upon
the water , wee are able (and as ordinarielie we
doe) to serve our Soveraigne in his fleete Roy-
all , or armies by land , many of us being We-
sterne men , of *Somerset* , *Gloucester* , *Wiltshire* , and
and other places there abouts , who generally
are

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are esteemed the strongest, and most active men of *England*, when take one of your common, or hackney coachmen from his boxe, hee is good for nothing except to marry some old Ale-wife, and bid his old acquaintance welcome, to turne horse-courser, become a Gentle-mans baylie or butler in the Countrie, or by meanes of some great man, get a place in an hospitall; I speake to shew the incertaintie of service: not onely in regard of them, but others.

Wee serve God and our King onelie, and some of us for countenance sake, or affection, weare the coates and badges of Noble-men, which dependance impeacheth not our liberties, no whit at all. The Coach upon the least error committed, either mistaking his way in an evening, the falling lame of an horse, though not his fault, breaking of a wheel, overthrowing his coach against an hill side, tree-roote, or the like, hee is presently sent to seeke a new master, yet are some of them growne so proud because they are advanced in the streete above their Lord and Master, they cannot afford us inferior water-men (that labour beneath them in the liquid Element), a good looke, or a good word.

As for you, Master Sedan, you are the hussbler, and I beleive the honestest of the two, I heare no great ill of you, nor have I had any acquaintance with your cowcummer-cullor'd

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men, onely I beleeve you are a close compani-
on: and that you conceale most of our delicate
feminine faires, in your boxes by land, that were
woont to bee our best customers by water, for
Coach his seentence is past, and except you
tread evenly you may follow after.

Coutry-man. Nay honest water-man give
not so rash a censure, wee must not gainsay
what the state tolerateth, for some reasons per-
haps unknowne to us, neither will I enquire; my *Sedan* in the Coutry is a plaine Whee-
barrow, and my *Coach* my cart, wherein now and
then for my pleasure I ride, my maides going
along with me, with their Forkes, Rakes, and a
bottle or two of good Beefe, with an Apple-
pastie, Potted butter, Churne-milke, bread and
cheese, and such like, into the fields in Summer-
time to cocke corne, make hay, and the like;
and now and then, on Faire and Market-dayes
I walke with a neighbour or two to the Faire or
Market, to buy, or sell, and having drunke a
dozen of Ale amongst us, wee come home the
same night, scarce feeling the ground wee tread
on: and if our great Lords and Knights would
use their leggs as wee doe, they would not (so
many of them) bee troubled with the Goute,
Dropsies, and other diseases, which grow upon
them, through easie, fulnesse of Diet, drinking
many sorts of Wine, and want of bodily exer-
cise; I wonder in my heart, why our Nobilitie
and

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and Gentrie cannot in faire weather, walke the streets as they were wont, as I have seene the Earles of Shrewsbury, Darbie, Suffex, Cumberland, Effex, Northampton, with most of our Barons, without any disparagement to their Honours. Beside those unimitable Presidents of Courage and Valour, Sir *Francis Drake*, Sir *Philip Sydney*, Sir *Martine Frobisher*, Sir *Thomas Baskerville*, with a number others; when a Coach was as rare almost to bee seene as an Elephant: I would our Coached and Caroched Gallants, who think their feet too good to tread upon *Mother Earth*, had, or were ever likely to deserue so well of their King and Countrey, oncould but shew those scarres, leave such a testimonie of their vertues to after-ages, as these Foot-men have done, who were the true sonnes of *Honour*: yea and many times have I seene some of them walke to the farthest part of the Citie and to invite themselves in love to dinner to an Alderman or Merchants table, and other private houses as they thought good, as the Noble *George E. of Cumberland* to *Master Garret an Apothecarie* in Lime-street, *Sir Francis Drake* to *Alderman Martines* in *Cheapside*, and the rest in like manner, where they were content with such as they found, and were each with other heartily merrie, and as truely welcomer: having perhaps learned this of *Augustus Cesar*, who would leave his Court, and

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and goe eate and drinke familiarly in the pri-
uate houses, of his *Romane Citizens*: for Ma-
jestie and greatnesse (like a bow) cannot stand
so long extent but must have (by fits) a relaxa-
tion, and as the most daintiest dishes of flesh or
fish, have commonly their sauces prepar'd of
meane and course things, as onions, vineger, wa-
ter and the like, so privacie and converse with
inferiors among great persons, as also homely
sports, and exercises, take off and sweeten the
teadiousnesse of rugged cares and high emplo-
iment: as when I was a Grammar-scholler our
master to revive our spirits dulled with studie,
would make us Comedies, and because even
now I spoke of Onions I will repeat the pro-
logue of one of our plaies, which I my selfe
spoke upon the stage, and it was this.

*Even as the Duck in river navigable,
Is serv'd with Onions to a great mans table;
So, will wee doe our best to give content,
To the meanest of this rascal tablement.*

Which I pronouncing distinctly, and with a
good grace I was mervailously applauded (by
clapping of hands) of the multitude; maides
tossed apples to mee, and our Schoole-masters
wife offered me her bottle of *Rosa-solis* to drinke,
and I well remember too, at that time a Knight
of our Countrie (who this last yeere married
his

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his Mothers Chamber-maide, (and birladie, maintains her in her Coach, with foure horses) plaid the foole most admirably ; yea, I knew a Lord, who journeyng in the Countrey, would leape out of his coach, to play a game at stoole-ball with Country Wenches ; and one time above the rest, when a Gentleman of his told him it was past three a clock, and that they had yet twenty miles to ride, hee called for a watch, and set it backe to twelve, now said my Lord, wee shall have time enough; I will have the other game.

And one thing (Coach) I am sure of, it was never good world with us in the Country, since you and your fellowes have so multiplied ; the Devil of good house is any where kept, where you have to doe, and I have observed, where a Coach is appendant, but to two or three hundred pounds a yeere, marke it, the doggs of that house are as leane as rakes, you may tell all their ribbs lying by the fire, and *Tom-a-Bedlam* may sooner eate his horne, then get it fill'd with small drinke, and for his old aimes of Bacon, there is no hope in the world ; I may tell you, some houses of thousands by the yeere, are become little better, when a poore labouring man that hath perhaps liv'd all his time in the parish, shall hardly get a loade or two of Hay to keep his Cow al winter, but the daily tell him his Lady cannot spare it from her owne Kitie,

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and Coach-horses, and now adayes, wee must pay two shillings for a pecke of Oare-meale, which wee were wont to have for sixteene, or eighteene pence, and all long of Coach-horses: before (*Coach*) you came into request, one of these houses maintained sixteene, or twenty Propper tall fellowes, to march from the Kit-chin to their Masters table, in their blew coates and Cognisances, every man carrying a dish of good meat, either boyl'd, or roast, now the case is so altered, that the Coach-man alone must take upon him three or foure of the prime Offices about the house; without dores, hee is Gentleman of my Ladies horse, and Coach-man; within, hee is Butler and chamberlaine; and if strangers come, perhaps some poore boy of the Towne is sent for to assist him, for the scraping of Trenchers, and emptying chamber-pots; who within a day or two must returne to the place from whence he came: and if (*Coach*) your man have ever beeene versed in brewing, or baking, hee must undertake that too; I heard my boy, who is now at Cambridge, say out of Aristotle (which is well observed in your great houses now adayes) *frustra si per platus, quod fieri potest per pauciora.* And by the Logicall fallacie, *Compositionis et divisionis*, they will make two eggs passe for three, and many times come away their cooke for roasting a whole breſt of Murton to break-faſt, when he ſhould have roaſted

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sted but halfe, as a great man both of ranke and revenue, some one or two and thirty yeeres since, set his cooke in the stocks at Huntingdon upon the very same occasion, as the cooke (fast by the heeles) told me himselfe, all this Coach I can impute to none other then your selfe, and your appurtenances; nay, let a man have never so earnest an occasion of businesse with your Knight or Ladie, at your houses, let him come at dinner time, hee may knocke his heart out ere any body will heare; and indeed, to speake truely, I blame them not, for, *Venter non habet aures*, saith the old Proverbe. I knew a Knight, an especial friend of mine, of himselfe a free and a Noble Gentleman, who lay sicke of a Burning-feaver, or *Causos* (as the Phisicians call it;) and a very skilfull Gentleman, both a Phisitian and a Chyrurgian, being sent unto him by a Justice of Peace (his loving friend and neighbour by, in the countrey) who much tendered his health, the Phisitian came at night, wringing wet in snow and raine, when his Ladie was at supper, where hee continued knocking, and could not be let in, but was faine that night to take his supper, and lodging at the next Ale-house in the towne, and before morning the good Gentleman was dead, whom blood-letting (the present remedie in hot-feavers) that night, by all likelihood might have sayed, hee being in his best yeeres, strong and able of

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body, of sanguine complexion, and his spirits not yet spent, or decayed by the vigor of the disease: and most lamentable it is, to see (upon fasting-dayes, or in time of Lent) how closely, the poore Eele, Haddock, and Herring are imprisoned, and so strongly kept up, within barred and bolted gates; that if a man would give never so much, as but to speak in private with any one of them, or whisper in his eare, hee should not bee admitted. And now I speake of whispering, I remember a good fellow of *Goose-soft*, neere *Boston*, came to a Fish-monger in that market, who had Mackerells to sell (a fish very rare in those parts) and taking up a Mackerell in his hand, whispered in the Mackerells eare, then he laid the Mackerells mouth to his eare; which the Fish-monger observing, said; Friend doe you make a foole of my fish, and of your selfe too? No, said the fellow, I make bold, but to aske him when hee was at *Sea*, and hee tells mee not these three weekes, but this by the way.

And *Coach*, twice or thrice a yeare you must needs make a boone voyage to *London* with your Ladie, under a cullor to bee new culoured, gilded or painted, covered, seated, shod, or the like, when her errand indeede is as one saith well, speaking to such *Ladies*, as love to visit the *Citicie*.

*A merrie
tale of Mac-
kerell.*

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To see what fashion most is in request,

How is this Countesse, that Court Ladie drest:

While yee your beauteous faces, so disguise,

Wee neither see, your fore-head, nor your eyes,

(That woot the seates, and Indices to bee,

Of Spirit, Love, and ingenuitie.)

Like Dutch boores houses, where the straw hangs over latele Prin-

The low thatch'd eaves, & doth the windowes cover.

In a funerall

Elegie, in on

the C. M. -

teſſe of

Warwick,

latele Prin-

Hence it happens, Coach, that by your often ambling to London, Sir Thomas, or Sir John, sinks (as in a quick-sand) by degrees, so deep into the Merchant, Mercer, or Taylors booke, that hee is up to the eares, ere hee be aware, neither can he be well drawne out without, a teame of Vsurers, and a craftie Scrivener to bee the fore-horse, or the prelent sale of some land, so that wise-men suppose this to bee one maine and principall reason, why within a Coach journey, of a day or two from the Citie, so many faire inheritances, as have beeene purchased, by Lord-Majors, Aldermen, Merchants, and other rich Citizens, have not continued in a name to the third, yea, scarce the second generation, when go farre North or Westward, you shall find many families, and names, both of the Nobilitie and gentrie, to have continued their estates two, three hundred yeeres and more, in a direct succession (as in Cumberland, and Northumberland, the families of the Graies, Greystocks, Lowthers, Musgraves, with many other in Yorkesbire,

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of the Dacres, Scroopes, Nevells, Huddlestones, Savills, &c. The like may bee said of Lancashire, Cheshire, Devonshire, Somersetshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and many other places far remote from London, without racking or raising of rents; or inclosing of whole Townes, and Lordships: which every where (neighbour Coach) they say is long of you, and your costlie carriage.

As for you *Sedan*, I heare no great complaint of you, save that my Wife and Daughter thinks that you have made *Say* dearer then it was woont to bee, for whereas they used to buy it for sixteene pence a yard, you have brought it to two shillings, seven and eight groats; and and none of the best neither, and *Coach* I entreat you if you beeing now banished the *Citie* happen to come into our Countrie of *Lincolnsire*; let me know of it, that I may remove my selfe, tenne miles off from where you shall have to doe: *Sedan* because you are a stranger you shalbe the welcomer of the two; for as yet you were never seene in our parts.

But to be short, my masters agree as you can, I must follow my law occasions, and to tell you true I can skill of neither of you, and so fare ye well.

Sedan, Coach doe yee see, how neither in Countrie or *Citie*, any one can give you a good word, you have carried your selfe well in the meane time, have you not?

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Powell. Her would hang ir selfe before shee would have so great deale of ill words in the world.

Coach-man. Welch-man keepe you quiet, there is no great feare, or danger of you, bat when our Coach-mates and horses, are put to grasse.

Powell. Sirrah you *Grimalkin*, who was a knave and a foole, when your Ladie being pig with schild, and could not endure the jolting of her Coach up that steepe stonie hill beyonnd *Ferribrigges* in *York-shire*, you made her sell two exellent stout mares, to buy a couple of ambling horses, believing as long as they ambled, shee could never bee jolted, where was her wit then.

Coach-man. Well well Wood-pecker, wee shall meeete with you when time serves.

Powell. He meeete her where and when her dare.

Heere I interposed my selfe and said before the compaines truely honest Coach (if I be not deceived in your name) I cannot see but you may passe well enongh, concerning that plaine Countryman and his speach, you must know, that the common people of the Countrie affect not, very well, the Gentry, nor the Gentry them, there beeing a kind of *Antipathy* betweene them: First they envie Gentlemen, as living more plentifully and at ease then themselves.

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ſelues. *Invidus alterius rebuſ macrēſcit opimiuſ*: agaide they doe not greatly love them, because Gentlemen hold them in a kind of aw, and they are ſcarētull to diſplease them. *Oderunt quem meruunt*. Thirdly if they bee tennants, their rents are often raiſed, if ſtrangers, they are overlaid many times with leavies, and paiments either to the King, or ſome publique charges and occaſion in the Countrie; and ſometimes extraordinaire curteſies by great men (their neighbours) are exacted of them, which grumbliglie they yeeld unto, as borrowing their Carts, to ſetech home (five or tenne miles off) ſtone, Coales, Timber, and the like, ſometimes their Cattaille to plough their grounds, or helpe home with harveſt, ſometime they are troubled with bringing up a whelp or two, till they become ravenous hounds, and undoe a poore man in his dayrie, and if they bee faulconers, they muſt afford them Pigeons, from their dove-coates, beſides New.yeers.gifts, which are conditioned in leases, and with the yeerelie paiments of rent, as Capons, Geese, Henns, Lambes, Conies, Neates-Tongues, Pigges, Swannes, all manner of Fish, and wildfoule, with a thouſand ſuch. I ommit the geuerall murmur, and complaint of the whole Countrie againſt them, for depopulation, incloſures, and encroaching upon publique commons; nor is it to bee forgotten, how in leavies, ceafeements,

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ceasements, and charges of Armes at publique Musters, they can befriend themselves, and in the last place (as hee said truely, their miserable house-keeping, wherein had they beeene, free and liberall, they might have made some part of amendes for the rest, but commonly the poore of parishes are faine to bee releaved, by the Farmer, Husband-man, and the middle ranke; or else they must starve, as many upon my knowledge did this last Snowie-winter.

I taxe not all, God-for-bid, there are numbers left, who with their fore-fathers landes, inherit their noble vertues, of *Loyaltie, Fortitude, Bountie, Charitie, Love*, to learning (learned themselves) and whatsoever is good or excellent. I condemne not, neither, the lawfull use of *Coaches*, in persons of ranke and qualitie, yea and in cases of necessitie: no more then I doe tilted Boates and Barges upon the water, they defend from all injurie of the skie, *Snow, Raine, Haile, Wind, &c.* by them is made a publique difference, betweene *Nobilitie*, and the *Magnitude*, whereby their Armories without speaking for them, they are known and have that respect done to them, as is due to them: they are seates of Honour for the sound, beds of ease for the lame, sick and impotent, the moving closets of brave Ladies, and beautifull virgins, who in common sence, are unfit to walke the streets, to be jostled to the kennell, by a sturdie Porter,

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or breathed upon by every base *Bisogno*: they are the eradles of young children, to be conveid with their Nurſes, too, or from their parents into the Citie or Countrie. And if all Inventions have their iust, and due praise from the goodnessse of their *Endes*, whereto they were ordained; surelie the *Coach* invented for the necessarie use and service of man canouſt bee condemned, if regard bee had to those circumſtances, of *Person, Time, and Place*.

Paule To-
morrowe go-
ing to the
lyng at Vi-
the Frier,
used Coach-
es first, be-
ing ſo called
from a towne
where they
were made
whence
they had
ther name
Kocze.

Their firſt iuention and uſe was in the Kingdome of *Hungarie*, about the time when *Frier George*, conielleſt the Queene and her young
young King, ſonne the King, to ſeek to *Soliman* the Turkish
Emperour, for aid againſt the Frier, and ſome of
the Nobilitie, to the utter ruine of that moſt
rich & flouriſhing Kingdome, where they were
firſt called *Kocze*, and in the *Slavonian* tongue
Cocci, not of *Couche* the French to lie-downe,
nor of *Cuchey* the Cambridge Carrier, as ſome
body made *Master Minſham* beleeve, when hee
(rather weel) perſected that his Etymologicall
Dictionary, whence we call them to this day
Couches the firſt (they ſay) that was ſeen in
Engeland was preſented to Queene *Elizabith*, by
the Earle of *Wundell*, but whether it were an
open Chariot, or covered over the head as our
Chariots now are I doubt, for ſuch a one Queene
Elizabith tolde in ſommerſe-houſe to S.
Pauls Chaffe to ſeare a Sermon preſently upon

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the victory obtained against the Spaniard ~~is~~ Eightie-Eight. Master Nowell Deane of Paules Preaching at that time, when I remember (being then a Schoole-boy in London, abut tenne yeeres of age) so many Spanish-Ensignes, in triumph were hung up, that the leades of the Church, and houses round about, seemed to be veild or curtain'd round-about with Gold, Silk, and Silver.

Sedan. It was a glorious sight indeede.
But (quoth I) upon a more glorious occasion.

Talking in this manner, unexpected, there comes by a Morrice-dance of Countrey-fellows; away goes Porell, and takes the Maide-Marian, and the foole along to a Taverne, the promiscuous by-standers left us to follow the Morrice-dancers, when there steps in to mee, an honest plaine Countrey-Vicar, of mine old acquaintance, and claps me on the shoulder, calling mee by my name, and saying, It is a wonder to meet you heere in London, which I think you have not seene in these dozen yeeres.

It is true (said I) and somewhat more, and I find my selfe to bee a great stranger heere, for whereas heretofore, I could walke in some one streete, and meeete with a dozen of my acquaintance, I can now walk in a dozen streets and not meeete one, yea both in people and building, I find, *Novam rerum faciem.*

Vicar. Yes, I dare say since you and I were

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first acquainted in Cambridge (the world is alter'd) it is a good while, I was laid hold on in an evening, by our Vice-master D. R. for whistling in the Court; and I told him (and told him truely) I could never whistle in all my life; you made answere, No sir, it was not hee; for could hee have whistled, his father would never have sent him to Cambridge, meaning, hee would have made a plough-boy of mee.

Let mee remember you likewise (said I) of another merrie accident when wee were boyes, and Sophisters in the schooles, when you, and two more of your old acquaintance, went one frostie morning to eate Blacke-puddings to break-fast, and wanting a penny of the reckoning to pay for an odde pudding (having no more mony amongst you all three) you venter'd on it, and spet out a single penny that was buried in the Puddings end; so that by wonderfull fortune, the pudding payd for it selfe; and after you declaim'd upon, *And aetis Fortuna juvat.*

Vicar. Come, these merry passages are gone and past, I am heartily glad to see you alive and well. And in good faith (quoth I) I am glad to meeete with any of my old acquaintance, they are so rare in these parts.

Heere is a Gentleman, my friend, said the *Vicar*, who much desireth your acquaintance, hee is an excellent Surveyor, limmer in Oile, and water colours; besides, a skilfull Musician both

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both for song and Instrument, and you are met in a good time: So having saluted one another, I smilingly told them the occasion of mine Idle stay there at that time, which was a neighbourly office of reconciling *Coach* and *Sedan*, who in that place, fell foully out with either, opposing each other to the utmost for place and precedence; neither would they yeeld a jot one to the other, without the mediation of friends.

Vicar. Is he in the black, with brasen studds on his sleeves, wings, backe, and brest, called *Coach*?

Surveyor. Yes, and I am sure, the other in the greene is *Sedan*; Let me entreate you (quoth I to them both) to talke with them, they will surely heare reason, if one of the Church (which I thinke neither of them cares for) shall goe about to perswade them.

Vicar. I will. Sir, I understand your name is *Coach*.

Coach. Men call me so about the Court.

Vicar. Out of my love, understanding the time of your execution is at hand, and that quickly you must expect to be turn'd off; I come to give you the best admonition I can.

First, you have beeene these many yeeres a lewd liver, accompanying your selfe with Pandars and common Strumpets, both of Citie and Countrey.

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Secondly, you have beeene suspected for many robberies (I am sure you have heard of Madam * *Sands*) for there is not an High-way, streete, back lane, or odde corner in the Citie, or within five miles, but you are well acquainted with the same.

* *A Lady that rob'd in her Coach by the Highway.*

Many are carried in their Coaches to execution.

Thirdly, you bring many a one to the gallows.

Fourthly, you never cared for the Church, since all sermon-time wee heare you hurrying up and downe the streetes, insomuch, that the Reader of Devine Service, or the Preacher, can hardly heare himselfe speake for you; or say you bring your Lord, Knight, and their Ladies to Church, you stay in the streete, while your man commonly goes to the Taverne, or Alehouse, till service bee done.

Fiftly, you live not in love and charitie one with another, but give one another (if you are crossed in the streete, or in a narrow lane) the worst words you can; and another great fault you are guilty of (in the judgement of that late reverent Justice, Sir Edward Cooke) you will in no place give way to the Carte and Cart, your elder brethren.

Sixtly, if you have gotten your cup (like Iehu) yedrive as if you were mad, and become very dangerous in the night.

Surveyor. Mr. Vicar, these are but personall faults, you conceive not what damage the State

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State receiveth by Coaches, and how the whole Common-wealth suffereth in their increase and multitude; now if it please you, I will shew you wherein.

They first consume an infinite quantitie of our prime and best leather, which also by reason of the decay of Woods, and consequently of barke for Tanners) Leather is growne extreemely deere, and hardly that which is principall good, to be gotten for any money.

Againe, wee can hardly have a young Ash grow till hee bee seven yeeres old, within forty miles of *London*, but hee is cut off before his time for the Coach-makers use, in spokes for wheeles, beames, bodies, and the like.

More over a wonderfull quantitie of our best broad-clothes is consumed and wasted, about the lining of *Coaches*, and their seates. I ommit, other superfluities of Lace, Fringe, Gilding, &c. Last of all, and which is worst of all, and withall speed (if it shall so please his Majestie) to bee redressed, the breed of our best horses in England, are reserved, or rather bought up in Faires and Markets, onely for the use of the *Coach*, hence it comes to passe that at any generall Muster taken of Horse, you shall see so many arrant Idiots showne, Scarce one in tenne serviceable, some send thither their ordinarie saddle Geldings, and Nagges, some their Cart-horses, where you shall see their necks

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necks and sides miserably gall'd with collars & traces, and their riders Serving-men or plough-men, just answerable to their horses.

I speake I confesse the more freely, because I know what belongeth to horse-manship, and have beene my selfe an horse-man, and in service beyond the seas, in somuch as I dare say, no Nation in *Europe*, is more back-ward and carelesse in breeding and managing horses, then we in England, God bee blessed for our peace, *Quid postera ferat dies nescimus*: if it would please his Royall Majestie (which with my selfe all true Subjects ought from their hearts to wish) to command our *Coach*-horses, instead of hearing a *Coach* rattle at their heeles, to listen to the Trumpet, I beleive the poore beastes themselves would be better pleased, and since they cannot speake, expresse their joy by bounding and neighing, as they ordinarily doe, when they are to goe upon service, and are by the Trumpet call'd to charge the enemie; or if their Noble owners are desirous, to get as good as they can for their *Coaches*, they should provide as many other, as good fit and able, alwayes to bee in a readinesse, for his Majesties service.

I speake not as if I did altogether condemne, and disallow of *Coaches* in the generall, wee know that the Kings, Princes, and Nobles, of *Israell*, had their *Charriots*, equivalent (at the least

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least) to our richest Caroches, it is most fit, and requisite, that Princes, Nobilitie, the more eminent and abler among the Gentrie should bee allowed their *Casshes*, and *Coffruses*, and all others who hold any place of Dignitie, either in Church or Commonwealth, as our Bishops, the Reverend Judges, Doctors of Divinitie, Law, Physice, with the chiefe Magistrates of Eminent and Honorable Cities, with others of like and equall ranke, but what I pray you are the *Coaches* of these few I thinke multitude at this day in England: when in London, the Suburbes, and within foyle miles compasse ymbre out, are reckoned to the number of five thousand and odd, and also the shire hood, towns, &c.

I easilie (quoth I) believe it, whos is certaine places of the Cities as I have often obserued, I have never seene but I have the p[ro]bably bariado by with a Coach, also in these, that wher hast, or busynesse soever a man hath wher must waite my Ladies, I know not whose, at leaste (who is in the next shope, buying p[re]dictables for her easies: on a collier for her dogge, if either can find any passage, a shole as, world wher bus

The most eminent places for shoppage, are Pauls-gate into Cheapside, Lud-gate, and Lud-gate-hill, especially when the play is done at the Priers, then Holborne-Gundib, and Holborne-bridge, iuillanously peopled with them, Holborne, Smith-field, and Cow-lane, find-

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ing all about their new or old mended *Coaches*, then about the Stocks and Poultrie, Temple-barre, Fetter-lane and Shooe-lane next to Fleet-street; but to see their multitude, either when there is a *Masque* at White-hall, or *Lord-Majors* feast, a new play at some of the play-houses you would admire to see them, how close they stand together, like (*Matton-pies* in a *Cooker-oven*) that hardly you can thrust a pale be-tweeue.

My Masters quoth I , wee have a great deale of talke, and discourse all this while about nothing, heere comes one that if you will be rul'd by mee, shall determine the quarrell without more adoe, because our occasions call us away, about weightier emploiments.

With that comes up unto us a lustie tall fellow, setting upon an axeltree betweene two mō-sous great wheelers, drawne by a great old jade blind of ancie, in a leather pilch , two emptie beere-barrels upon a brewers slings beside him, and old bleni-cap all bedaub'd, and stiacking with yest, and the spuring of beere, him *Coach*, and *Sedan* knew, as soone as ever they saw him (for it seem'd they had beeene old customers of his Masters, and true stakes to the beere-barrell) wee seeing them familiarly talking to-gether, I craved his name: my name is *Beere-carr* quoth hee ; in good time, you may (said I) by meanes of your inward acquaintance with these

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two, Coach and Sedan ; doe a good office and reconcile them , being fallen at difference , who should be the better man , and deserve the most respect ; my selfe and these gentlemen , have laboured what we could herein , yet can wee doe no good .

When according to our relation , hee had heard the whole substance of the busines , hee shooke his head , saying , will this never be otherwise , I made you friends once before , when you were together by the eares at Charing-crosse , and you vow'd to either (and dranke upon it) you yould never square , and fall-out againe , but Live , and Love as bretheren , but let that goe if you will once againe , wholy referr your selves to mee , and promise before to morrow at night to enter into bond , to stand to my censure and agreement , before these honest Gentlemen (who are strangers to me) I will set you straight , and make all quiet ; are you not mad men , to wrangle and fall out in the streeete , to draw boyes and wenches and every rascall about you , to wonder and laugh at you ? Coach this is your fault , you are cholericke and cannot forbear ; and Sedan , you thinke your selfe so countenanced at the Court , that such a one as my selfe dare not speake or meddle with you , but I would have you know , I am of suncient standing in England then both of you , I came into England in *Henry the Seventh's* time , what

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Beere and time I was brought into this land with Musick: viols de my brother Ale, is farre auctienter then I, and gamba came was in England, as I have beeene told by Schol- into Englād lers, in the time of the *Britans* and *Romans*; but both in one yeere, Britāni, potus genus ha- bent quod ere wee come.

Alicam vo- cant. *Plins.*

But let these things passe, are you content to stand to, and heere my verdict, and will promise to obserue what I in reason shall propound, and so to make a final end of all controversies be- twixt you.

Coach and Sedan. With all our hearts.

Servitor. We are heere, thre or four, wit- witnessses, and shall carrie the newes unto your best friends, who surely will bee glad of your re- concilement.

Vicer. Now Master Beere-carr, since you have taken upon you to be ambidector betwixt them, let us heare the conditions you meane to propound for their agreement, because wee are not like altogether to meet againe.

Nay (quoth I) honest Beere-carr, will have a care of his credit, and doe nothing but what shall bee just and right, I daire say.

Beere-carr. Nay, if I doe other-wise let mee never walke upon London stones, or see Saint Katherins againe, therefore understand me well, and heare what I shall say.

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First, *Coach and Sedan*, you both shall reverence and ever give way to Beere (or Brewers) Cart, wheresoever you shall meeete him, either in Citie or Countrie, as your auncient and elder brother.

Secondly. You both againe shall be constant customers to Cellars, Innes and Ale-houses, as being the upholders, and principall maintainers of *Brewers-Cart*.

Coach, you shall now and then give your man leave to take a nap at noone, especially, when your Lord or Lady, is to see a masque at the Court, my reason is, when he is fast a sleep upon his box, his Curtaines are commonly cut off, and his Cushions stollen.

Thirdly. See your man give his horses their due allowance, in Hay and Oates, and that he beguiles them not, to maintaine his wench, or follow the Taverne, beside chargeshim to keepe their manger cleane, without dust or feathers.

Fourthly. More-over give him especial commandement, that while he is drintking Wine, his horses want not water.

Sixtly. Againe *Coach*, if your Lord or Master, bee disposed in an evening, or any other time, to goo to an house of good-fellowship (the rude and unmanerly multitude call such *Baudie-houses*) and your Lady or Mistris, when you come home, aske where you have beene; you shall say, your Lord or Master hath beene turn-

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ing and looking over some Bookes in a French liberarie.

6. You shall leave altogether your old woent, that is, when your Knight or Ladie or both, are gone to the Church, suffer your man to goe to the Ale-house and there to stay, till prayer or Sermon bee done, but see him a Gods name goe to Church, to learne to serve God better, and to mend his manners.

7. Your man also shall leave that old knavish tricke, of tying a horse haire very straight, about the pasternes of your horse feete (which presently will make him halt) then to tell your Master hee is lame, and will not serve his turne, procuring after some horse-courser to buy him at an under price; then sell him againe, and after you two share the money betwixt you.

8. Speake well of Water-men, and offer them no wrong, besides know they are a Corporation, and boats were before Coaches; I will undertake for them not to hurt you, they are my friends, and acquaintance, and I deale much in their Element.

9. If your Lord or Knight, be invited to my Lord Majors, the Sheriffes, or any other great or eminent mans house to dinner (because wee know not in these times who wee may trust) let your man be sure to search and examine the celler well, for feare of Treason.

10. If Coach, you happen to goe to a Christening

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Christening, or any publique banquet, see
that you turne your man loose like an Hogge,
under an Apple-tree, among the comfits and
sweete-meates, and let him shift.

11. Leave in any case that ill custome yee
have of running over people in a darke night,
and then bid them stand up.

12. In Terme times, you shall drive in the
streetes faire and softly: for throwing dirt upon
Gentlemens clokes, and Lawyers gownes going
too, and comming from Westminster.

13. You shall have an especiall care, of
little children playing in Summer time in the
streets, greens, high-waies, and such places,
you shall endeavour to keepe your selves sober,
from over much drinking, for by *Coach-men*
overtaken with drinke, many have lost their
limmes, yea some their lives.

14. You shall carrie none without leave, of
your Lord, Lady, or Master.

15. You shall not *Coach* (as you are accusto-
med) take up into you every groome, and lac-
quay, to lie tumbling with his dirtie feete upon
your Lords Velvet, or cloth Seats, and Cushi-
ons, but let their leggs carry them in the open
streete, with a mischiefe.

16. You have a trick, and custome (which
I wish were amended and reformed) that if your
Knight or Lady be out of the way fro home, out
of the Citie, for some spending money to carrie
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tradesmens wives, waiting-maides and young-wenches: sometime to *Brainford*, to *Barnet*, *Tottenham*, *Rumford* and such places, to mecte, and to be merry with their sweet-hearts, while all the way they goe, they sit smiling and laughing, to see how the poore inferior sort foote it in dirt and mire, and hereby they grow so proud, that ever after they account themselues companions for the best Ladies.

17. Coach, if you are to goe a journey, twenty, thirty, or more miles into the Countrey, see that you are provided of all necessaries, that your Lady and her women may stand in heed of by the way, you know what I meane, and never be unprovided of a bottle or two, of the best *Strong-waters*.

18. You shall be no hindrance to poore people, who shall demand and aske the charitable almes of your Lord or Ladie, which lesse revile them, or lash them over the faces with your whip.

19. And honest Coach, as my request, be very careful in going over Mootish places, quick-sands, unknowne waters, and narrow bridges.

20. If a man of manlike behaviour and fashion, casually fall lame by the way, or by some accident be wounded, whereby he is unable to travell, you shall out of Christian Charicte, imitating the good *Sainte*, take him up, helpe him wherein you can, & carry him to his hou-

se.

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21. You shall offer your brother *Sedan* no manner of wrong, but intreat him with all love and friendship, giving him the wall, you keeping your naturall and proper walke, the middle of the streete.

22. Lastly you shall be affable and curteous to all, endevouring to get the good will, and good word of every one, especially your fellows in the houfe, that having the love of your Maſter and Lady, they may ſettle you in a Farme of theirs in your old age, and marrying the Chamber-maid, ever after give them leave to laſh that will.

So much brother *Coach* for you; now honest *Sedan*, ſomething I have to ſay to you, though not much.

First as you tender the love and friendship of your Brother *Bere-Cart*, obſerve these rules and admonitions.

You ſhall from this time forward, live with *Coach* in perfect Love and Amitie, to defend and helpe him in all casualties, and ever-more to ſpeak well of him behind his backe.

You ſhall never carrie any infected person.

You ſhall never take into your charge, any one that is beastly drunke, at any Taverne or Ale-house, but rather give a Porter leave to carrie him to his lodging, in his Basket.

You ſhall not meddle with any Exchang-Wenches, Scmſteis, or handſome Laundreſſes,

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to carrie them to any Gentle-mans private Chamber or Lodging, there to shew their wares and commodities.

You shall never endanger your selves with carrying matters of great charge, as Money, Plate, Iewells, Boxes of evidences, writings and the like.

You shall never carrie Coach-man againe, for the first you ever carried was a Coach-man, for which you had like to have sufferd, had not your Master beeene the more mercifull.

You shall see your bottomes be sound, that grosse and unweldie men slip not thorow.

You shall carrie no maner of Beast for any mans pleasure, Bears-Whelp, Surbated-Hound, Baboone, Musk-cat, or the like.

You shall have an espeiall care to keepe your Chaires, cleane and sweet, both within and without; suffer no Tobacco, which many love not, to be taken in them, and wish the Painter, to adde to his Verd'greace and Linsseed-oyle, in his painting, a small quantitie of the Oyle of spike, for the better smell.

And since the weakest goes to the wall, take you the wall I charge you, of all Porters, Bakers, Costard-mongers, Cartmen, Coaches, and in a word, of all in generall, saving Beers-Cart, who after you are wearie, and tired, will bee at hand to doe you any manner of service, especially to revive your decayed spirits.

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And last of all with which I will conclude; because at the Court you are friendly used, and often times admitted within the gates, (which your brother *Coach* never is) you shall take nothing at any time, for carriage of the Kings great Porter.

Surveyor. But Master *Coach*, what say you to a late Proclamation, that is come out against you, and your multitude?

Coach. It concernes not us who follow the Court, and belong to Noble-men, it is chiefly for the suppressing my neighbours of *Hackney*, who are a Plague to *Citie* and *Country*; it had beeene the better for us, if it had come out seven yeeres agoe, for being, wee shall (I hope) be better rewarded, and better respected.

I have read I remember in *Herodotus*, of *Sesostris*, a Tyrant, King of *Egypt*, who causing four Kings whom hee had taken prisoners to be yoked together by the necks, & to draw his charriot; one of these Kings, ever and anon cast backe his eye, and looked over his shoulder to the Charriot-wheele, which the Tyrant observing, demanding of him the reason why hee did so; the captive King made answer, *Quia in rota, video statum humanum*: Because in this wheele, I see the state of man: The spoke of the wheele, that was even now a lefft, is now at the bottome, and below (as wee our selves are) and that below, anon gets up to the top, *Sesostris* knowing

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this to be true, and fearing his one estate (being as others subject to change and mutabilitie) forthwith released them of their bandes & set them at libertie.

So Coach, you men that were aloft, and above others, they must like (the spokes of their wheelles) come below; and why not? but by some other profession and calling, mount as high againe:

LUCAS.

— *Sic fors incerta vagatur,
Fertq; refertq; vicos, ut habent mortalia cysnam.*

Servveyor. Well Gentle-men Coach, and Sedan, are you both pleased with those honest propositions (tending to a perpetuall reconcilement, of one to the other) made by Beere-Cart, so that here after you will bear no grudge, one to another, but speake kindly at your meeting, salute one another, as you passe, and in a word doe all good offices you can one for another, that yee may no more make your selves laughing stocks to the world.

Coach, and Sedan. Wee will with all our hearts, and Gentle-men we thanke you hartily, for the paines you have taken, and especially, you Master Vicar.

Well Gentlemen (quoth I) we have now done a good office, and Beere-Cart, they are much beholding unto you.

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Surveyor. So are wee ; for you have made us wiser then wee were, in understanding the abuses, and misdemeanors either of them are subject unto, for which wee , and the world shall heartily thanke you.

Beere-C. I could indeede say much more, but I am in good hope of their agreement, and they will not faile but visit our house three or foure times in the weeke , to see how their brother *Beere-cart* does ; and with what liquor hee is laden.

So now (quoth I) wee have made (honest friends, and good-fellowes , *Coach and Sedan*) an end of your busynesse, *Mr. Surveyor*, and honest Master *Vicar*, we will go dispatch our own : which way lies your way ?

Survey. To *Westminster-ward*, wee both goe.

And I into the *Strand* ; and for this merry meeting, and old acquaintance sake honest *Vicar*, and Master *Surveyor*, I have for you a quart of the best *Canary* in *Westminster*, which I think is at *Mr. Thomas Darlings* (a very honest man) at the *Three-tunnes* by *Charing-crosse*.

Wee will beare you company (quoth they) and so wee three, (leaving the other) departed.

But in going along , to beguile the way, wee fell I know not how, into discourse , what alteration in Common-Wealthes, Cities, Countreys, Buildings, manners of Men , and Fashions in apparel, the Revolution of Time, con-

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trary to the opinion of man, brought forth ; the *Vicar* earnestly maintaining the latter times to be the wisest ; as I stiffly maintained the contrary against him.

His first Argument was ; that wee in our age have more learning then ever, *Ergo*, more wisdom.

I denied his antecedent, replying, *Quod efficit, tale, majus est tali* : meaning the Ancients who were our Masters, aledging *Chaucer* :

(yeare,
Whenee commeth this new Corne, men have from yeare to
One of old fields, old men saith,
And whenee commeth this new learning that men teare,
One of old fields, in good faith.

Secondly, The Inventions of latter times farre excelled those of former ; I denied that also.

He instanced Guns, *PRINTING*, Watches, Wind-mills, &c. Against these, as rare, I opposed *Archimedes* his Burning-glasses, wherwith he fired *Marcellus* ships from *Syracusa*; the perpetually burning Lampe, made of the Spirit of Gold; malleable Glass; Dying of that highly esteemed Purple ; that rare manner of gilding called * *Pyropus*, mentioned in *Plinie*, where-

*Let com-
mon Schoole-
masters ob-
serve this,
who take
Pyropus in
Ovid, for a
Carbuncle
or great Ru-
brie.*

with those round balles on the top of the *Ro-
mane* houses, shone like fire ; with many other,

which are lost and forgotten.

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Surveyor. And I am perswaded wee have had many rare Inventions, even heere in *Eng-land*; which are forgotten, or quite out of use.

Yes quoth the *Vicar*, fowre especially, Daggers, Flat-caps, French-hoods, and Cod-peeces; But heere wee brake of our discourse, beeing at the Taverne dore, the period of our Iourney.

FINIS.
